

House Bill 191 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Royal of the 171st, Rynders of the 152nd, and Houston of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act relating to the Board of Education of Colquitt County, approved March 12, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2582), as amended, so as to provide for the election of members of the Board of Education of Colquitt County in nonpartisan elections; to provide for applicability; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act relating to the Board of Education of Colquitt County, approved March 12, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2582), as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"Section 2A

All elections for the Board of Education of Colquitt County conducted after January 1, 2008, shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction with the November general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

SECTION 2.

Nothing in this Act shall affect the term of office of any member of the Board of Education of Colquitt County in office on January 1, 2008. The sitting members shall serve out the terms of office for which they were elected and shall be eligible to succeed themselves.

SECTION 3.

The Board of Education of Colquitt County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, no later than 60 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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- SECTION 4.**
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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.